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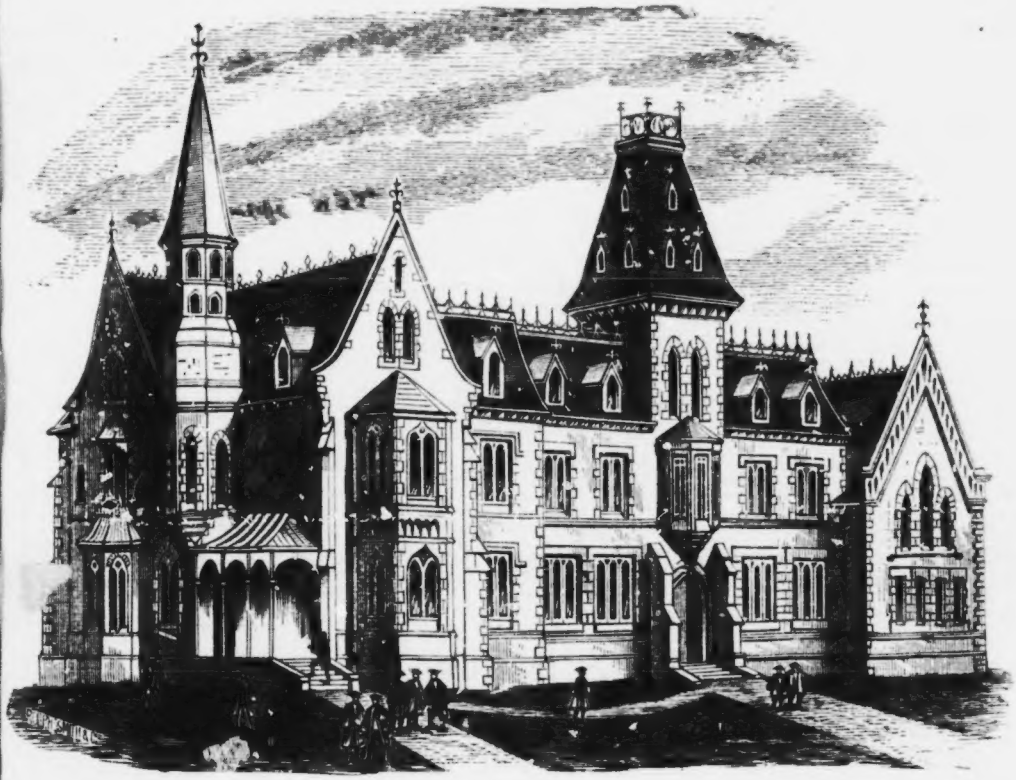

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OBJECTS.

The Protestant Episcopal Divinity School of Toronto is intended to provide for the training of theological students in accordance with the principles of the Reformation, as embodied in the Articles of the Church of England, and thus to send forth men called of the Holy Ghost to preach the Gospel; men of Evangelical faith, of sound churchmanship, and of genuine Catholic spirit; men who know and love and will proclaim the simple truths of the Gospel, and are determined, with St. Paul, to know NOTHING BUT CHRIST AND HIM CRUCIFIED.

PRINCIPLES.

1. **The Bible, the Sole Rule of Faith**; in opposition to the error that would make the Bible and tradition the *joint* rule of faith.

2. **Justification by Faith in Christ alone**; in opposition to the sacramentarian system.

3. **The Sole and Exclusive Priesthood of Jesus Christ;** in opposition to the sacerdotal assumption which would convert Christ's ministers into an order of sacrificing and mediating priests. (ἱερεῖς)

4. **The Real presence of Christ by Faith in the hearts of worthy recipients of the Holy Communion;** in opposition to the figment of His presence corporally or spiritually on the communion table, under the form of bread and wine, after the consecration of the elements.

5. **The Church of Christ** is the "Holy Catholic Church."—(*Creed.*) "The Holy Church Universal."—(*Prayer for Church Militant and Litany.*) "The mystical body of Christ, which is the blessed company of all faithful people."—*Communion Service.*

6. "**The visible Church (visibilis ecclesia) of Christ is a congregation of faithful men,** *in which the pure Word of God is preached*, and the *sacraments be duly ministered* according to Christ's ordinance, in all those things that of *necessity are requisite* to the same."—*Article XIX.*

7. **An Historical Episcopate,** traceable to apostolic direction, as conducive to the *well being* but *not necessary to the being* of the Church; in opposition to the dogma of a tactual succession, "a fiction," asserts Dean Alford, "of which I find in the New Testament no trace."

WORK BEING ACCOMPLISHED.

There is now in connection with the School a staff of six teachers, and there are in it fifteen young men studying for the ministry, five probationers, and others making application for entrance. The teachers and students may be greatly increased in number, and the efficiency of the School much inproved. The only hindrance, humanly speaking, to a vast work being done, is the lack of funds.

The success of the School is now no longer a matter of doubt, it has been tried and, thank God, has been blessed beyond the sanguine expectations of even its most ardent supporters.

WHY FORMED?

The demand for Protestant ministers from all parts of this Diocese and the Dominion was and is constant and increasing; the supply is so limited that it fails utterly to answer the wants. Were we to come to the rescue, or to allow our Church to suffer? Our position and our duty were quickly apprehended by our present Bishop, for in his primary charge and address to this School we find these words well worthy of attentive consideration by every member of our Church.

"It is fruitless for us to deny, brethren, it would be unworthy of us to apologize, that there *are parties* in the Church. I trust we have learned enough wisdom from the past frankly to accept the position; and that each party is willing honourably to concede to the other the right to exist and to claim a just recognition—so long, of course, as its doctrines and usages are within the legitimate limits of a fair and honest interpretation of the formularies acknowledged by both.

"There can be no question in the mind of any one acquainted with the religious aspect of the country, that the heart of the great bulk of our laity is staunchly, jealously, Protestant. I thank God for it. And in the endeavour to fulfil the difficult task that lies before me, my first and most earnest efforts will be directed to supply the missions of the Diocese with clergymen of sound Protestant views. The great complaint throughout this Diocese was the lack of money, but another and even greater want was the want of men, of good and suitable men, who had the love of the Saviour in their hearts, and the love of those for whom the Saviour died. He hoped the School would send forth well-trained and educated men to engage in the work of the Church. Other denominations—all praise and honour to them for it—were sending out such men, and the Church of England in these days could not afford to be behind. He was pleased to learn that great care was being exercised in the education of the young men in this Divinity School. He trusted that through the means of this School much good would be done for the Church, not only in this Diocese, but throughout the country. The report which had been made by the Principal was most satisfactory, and he sincerely looked forward to the time when he would be able to ordain and send out to the missions of the Diocese men from this institution thoroughly well fitted both in head and heart. He wished the School every success and would give it all the fostering care he could, so long as the circumstances of the Diocese required that it should be conducted as a separate institution."

MEANS NEEDED.

It is proposed to raise within the 3 years, 1880-1-2, an endowment of not less than $100,000, and also the sum of $5,000 a year for each of these years to answer the charges for maintenance of the School.

The endowment is to be kept invested as a permanent fund which ultimately will afford the means of meeting the annual expenses of the School.

The salaries, scholarships, assistance to young men who otherwise would be lost to the Church as ministers, and other necessary expenses, amount, at present, to at least $5,000 a year. The needed amount has hitherto been paid almost exclusively from the City of Toronto, mainly, no doubt, owing to the fact that the School, its work and wants have not been generally and systematically presented throughout the Diocese and the Dominion.

The School will, however, now assuredly grow, and, Toronto being a great centre, will, it is trusted, furnish many men sound in the faith, who shall in time be known in all parts of our Dominion—this will need a much increased income, so that no deserving man, needing assistance, and desiring to enter our School be ever turned from its doors for want of means.

HOW TO AID.

It is necessary to raise the two funds; the one a fund needed until the endowment is made up, the other, the permanent fund. Consider *to-day* what amount you can give by annual subscriptions to these objects. Having determined upon the sum you desire, as steward of God's good gifts to you, to set apart for these purposes, *at once* inform the Treasurer. Having given your own subscription see what can be done amongst your friends, and see that they act promptly. See not only that the name is put down as subscriber, but that the subscription is promptly and regularly sent. Let the School, its Directors, Teachers, and Students be special subjects of your prayer.

OUR DUTY.

Our Bishop in his charge says, "I know of no duty which our Church lays upon her ordained ministers, paramount to that of fulfilling her Lord's commission to preach the Gospel to every creature." There is also a great duty cast on the laity—to see that all is done on their part needed for the supply of the men to proclaim these glad tidings. There is a thirst for the Gospel, there are many openings, not alone in our own, but in the neighbouring Dioceses, and in the great North-West, there is a vast field of labour for our Saviour and our Church. Daily the demands are, "Come over and help us."

God give to each of us the light to enable us to see our duty and like true men to be up and do it, at this turning point in the history of our Church—shall we not each and all as loyal sons of our beloved Church, come to her rescue now, and to the very utmost of our power aid in preparing worthy labourers for this vast harvest-field, and in hastening the day when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and His Christ—All subscriptions to be sent to

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